

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 4, 2006

SENATE BILL

No. 1673

Introduced by Senator Kuehl

February 24, 2006

~~An act relating to state parks.~~ *An act to add Section 5009.4 to the Public Resources Code, relating to state parks.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1673, as amended, Kuehl. State parks: funding.

Under existing law, the Department of Parks and Recreation within the Resources Agency administers the operation of state parks in the state. Existing law authorizes the department to enter into an agreement to accept funds from any person, corporation or other business entity, or organization for the maintenance or operation, on a nonprofit basis, *of a designated state park system unit or facility*, or to accept services for the cleanup, repair, or enhancement of a designated state park system unit or facility.

~~This bill would state that it is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that adequate funding exists to cover actual costs of ongoing maintenance and operation of the state park system, and that revenue for these purposes may come from public funds or by directing funding from philanthropic support and private~~ *authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to fund ongoing maintenance and operation of the state park system with public funds or by obtaining funds through philanthropic support and private-public* partnerships to the state park system.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
2 *following:*

3 *(a) California's state parks help preserve the state's*
4 *extraordinary biological diversity, protect its most valued*
5 *natural and cultural resources, and create opportunities for*
6 *high-quality outdoor recreation.*

7 *(b) The Department of Parks and Recreation manages 278*
8 *parks that cover approximately 3,800 miles of trails, 300 miles of*
9 *coastline, 800 miles of lake and river frontage, and about 14,800*
10 *campsites. Annually, more than 75 million people visit our state*
11 *parks.*

12 *(c) Given the value of state parks to the state's residents and*
13 *natural resources, it is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that*
14 *adequate funding exists to cover actual costs of ongoing*
15 *maintenance and operation of the state park system.*

16 *SEC. 2. Section 5009.4 is added to the Public Resources*
17 *Code, to read:*

18 *5009.4. The department may fund ongoing maintenance and*
19 *operation of the state park system with public funds or by*
20 *obtaining funds through philanthropic support and*
21 *private-public partnerships to the state park system.*

22 ~~*SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that*~~
23 ~~*adequate funding exists to cover actual costs of ongoing*~~
24 ~~*maintenance and operation of the state park system. It is also the*~~
25 ~~*intent of the Legislature that revenue for these purposes may*~~
26 ~~*come from public funds or by directing funding from*~~
27 ~~*philanthropic support and private partnerships to the state park*~~
28 ~~*system.*~~